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Applicant(s) : Stracke, M. et al. Group Art Unit: 1653
Serial No. : 09/483,831 Examiner: Robinson, H.
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For : AUTOTAXIN: MOTILITY STIMULATING PROTEIN USEFUL IN
CANCER DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY

RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the *Ex Parte Quayle* action dated August 24, 2001, applicants provide the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend and replace the claims as follows:

23. (twice amended) A method of purifying an isolated autotaxin polypeptide comprising the steps of:
- i) collecting and concentrating supernatant from cultured cells whereby a first preparation of said polypeptide is produced;
 - ii) salt fractionating said first preparation to produce a second polypeptide preparation; and